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SUBJECT: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR CONSULATES GENERAL

REF: A. SAIGON 3714; B. STATE 046982

1. MINPOL CONVEYED PROPOSED SOLUTION (REF A) TO MFA POLITICAL ADVISOR KY MARCH 23 IN THE FORM OF AN INFORMAL MEMORANDUM. KY ADVISED MINPOL 28 MARCH THAT FOREIGN MINISTER LAM HAD APPROVED, BUT THAT APPROVAL BY PM KHIEM WOULD ALSO BE NECESSARY. KY SAID LAM WAS SURE THAT KHIEM WOULD APPROVE, BUT THAT PRESS OF BUSINESS ATTENDANCE ON PRES. THIEU' S VISIT TO THE U. S. WOULD DELAY THE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

2. KY REMARKED THAT THE REQUEST FOR RECIPROCAL TREATMENT FOR VIETNAMESE CONSULATES IN NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO WAS ESSENTIALLY PRO FORMA; THAT THE GVN HAD REALIZED FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES GRANTED THOSE CONSULATES WAS BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE POWER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THE GVN WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY' S ASSISTANCE IN INFLUENCING THE DEPARTMENT TO EASE THE PROBLEMS VIETNAMESE CONSULAR PERSONNEL EXPERIENCE IN GETTING ALONG ON THEIR PRESENT RATHER SKIMP RATION OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THE DELAYS ENCOUNTERED IN SECURING ID CARDS FOR THEIR CLERICAL PERSONNEL. HE PROMISED THAT AN EXPANDED LIST OF PROBLEMS WOULD BE GIVEN THE EMBASSY

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